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In re Application of:)
TETSUYA ITANO) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/976,096) Group Art Unit: 2612
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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
10-2003-0066464	Korea	January 6, 2004
9-148550	Japan	June 6, 1997

REMARKS

English translations of the foreign documents are not readily available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract for the JP '550 reference, obtained from a commercial database, also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance.

FEE STATEMENT


The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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